

**New Shoreham Shoreline Access Working Group**  
**Tuesday, January 6, 2015**  
**Shoreline Access Sites, Corn Neck Road, Water Street, Mohegan Trail, Snake Hole**  
**Road**  
**12:00 p.m.**

**Present:** Chair Michael Shea, Members: Sven Risom, Gary Ryan, Doug Michel, Chris Blane and Marc Tillson. Also present, for the recording of minutes, was Deputy Town Clerk Millie McGinnes.

Mr. Shea called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m.

**The Shoreline Access Working Group will be conducting a site visit of the following locations:**

**1. Fred Benson Town Beach, Corn Neck Road**

The area surrounding Town Beach was viewed. It was noted that there are plans to renovate the beach house this year. Mr. Shea explained that the parking area will be expanded and improved with the renovations. It was noted that there was adequate emergency vehicle access.

Chris Blane joined the meeting at 12:09 a.m.

**2. Mary D Park (across from the National Hotel), Water Street**

It was noted that the Park offers a mowed path to the harbor, continuing to Crescent Beach and that stairs from Water Street to the beach at the corner by the Surf Hotel are in the preconstruction phase (permitting etc.).

**3. Ballard's Inn, Water Street**

Doug Michel joined the meeting at 12:19 p.m.

It was noted that the access along the south side of the Ballard's Inn building is in dispute as to whether it is public or private. Mr. Ryan suggested approaching the owners of Ballard's and request that they keep the area open for access of emergency vehicles.

**4. BILT access on Ocean View property, Water Street**

The newly cleared Block Island Land Trust (BILT) beach access, which crosses BITL and Ocean View property, was viewed.

**5. Mohegan Bluff – State property, Mohegan Trail**

Mr. Shea explained that the Highways Department has a winter project which includes opening up the parking area, planting new grass, adding more bike racks and defining the walking paths at Mohegan Bluffs. Mr. Blane suggested creating a handicap parking space and an emergency vehicle parking space. Mr. Shea noted that it was a state owned property and any substantial changes require submitting plans to the state for approval.

**6. Second Bluffs, Mohegan Trail (across from mouth of Pilot Hill Road)**

It was noted that the property is Town owned. The area was viewed.

**7. Snake Hole access point**

Mr. Michel explained that the access is Town owned and is 66 ft. wide. It was noted that the parking is a mess – small, awkward and parking often blocks the abutting driveways.

The next site visit date was scheduled for Tuesday, January 20, 2015.

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Tillson made a motion to adjourn at 1:10 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Shea and passed unanimously.

Millie McGinnes  
Deputy Town Clerk

Minutes approved: May 5, 2015